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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION TAEs

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ITALIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR PLANNING, ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION
TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFO: A) DOES U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOVER
THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH USER CHARGES?
(REQUEST DOES NOT SPECIFY WHETHER ONLY INITIAL CAPITAL COSTS OR
MAINTENANCE COSTS OR BOTH ARE MEANT). IF AFFIRMATIVE, HOW
ARE USER CHARGES APPLIED? B) WHAT TAXATION SYSTEM IS APPLIED
TO TRUCKS AND HOW IS THIS SYSTEM RELATED TO THE USE OF ROAD
INFRASTRUCTURE? C) WHAT TYPES OF CHARGES ARE APPLIED TO FOREIGN
TRUCKS CARRYING COMMODITIES TO, OR TRANSITING, THE U.S.?

2. GOI HAS REQUESTED THIS INFO IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PARTI-
CIPATION IN EC STUDIES OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TARIFF SYSTEMS
FOR COVERING COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND MORE
PRECISELY FOR HARMONIZING TAXATION OF TRUCKS ESPECIALLY IN
REGARD TO TRUCKS USED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. HOLMES

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